

House Resolution No. 215

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State humanitarian and professional organizations which bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements; and

Whereas, Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, has attained considerable renown since its founding on June 4, 1964, in Tyler, Texas, by Ozell Dean, Franchell Boswell, Ina Bolton Brown, Augusta Cash Latham, Willie Lee Glass, LaVerne Madlock, Georgia Nelson, and Ruth Payne Smith, all of whom were inspired by a meeting held by fellow Texan, Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson, at the White House in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, from its small beginnings Top Ladies of Distinction has grown to include more than one hundred chapters located throughout the United States and Jamaica; and

Whereas, Top Ladies of Distinction pursues its broad objectives collectively and individually through the five major programs of Top Teens of America, Enhancing the Status of Women, Enhancing the Lives of Senior Citizens, Community Beautification, and Community Partnerships; and

Whereas, from March 10 to March 13, 2005, the Saint Louis Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction will host the twenty-ninth Area III Conference in the city of Saint Louis; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize such outstanding organizations as Top Ladies of Distinction:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive history of service so generously given by the Top Ladies of Distinction and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the twenty-ninth Area III Conference which will take place from March 10 to March 13, 2005, in Saint Louis, Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Top Ladies of Distinction.

Offered by _____
Representative Theodore Hoskins
District No. 80

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 215, adopted January 25, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker